

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### GAUGING AMERICAN PORT SECURITY ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 26, 2012*

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4005—"Gauging American Port Security Act" also known as the "GAPS Act." I would like to thank Congresswoman JANICE HAHN from California for her diligent work on this bill. I would also like to thank the efforts of the Committee on Homeland Security. This bill requires the Homeland Security Department, within one year of enactment, to conduct a study of the remaining gaps in port security in the United States and submit a classified report to Congress prioritizing these gaps and a plan to address them.

As a New York City Member on the House Homeland Security Committee, I understand how important border security is and how threats to our national security need to be reduced. I will continue to work to ensure that our nation is better prepared to terrorist attacks at our ports.

Ports are important to American commerce and a way to connect us to the rest of the world. We have more than 11 million cargo containers arrive in U.S. ports every year and we need to ensure that our ports are secure for this part of commerce.

Congress needs to continue to focus on improving security on our borders, land and port. I fully believe that this is a step to improving our port security and H.R. 4005 will help the Homeland Security Department to come up with a plan that will help with these challenges at our ports. This plan will address threats we face at maritime borders by closing the gaps in our security at our Nation's ports. The benefit of this legislation will greatly outweigh the cost. It is a way for us to adequately invest in our response capacities and security to safeguard our citizens and economy.

So today, I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

### HONORING BISHOP WILLIAM P. DEVEAUX

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 29, 2012*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, Bishop William P. DeVeaux is celebrating eight years (8) in leadership this year as the presiding prelate for all of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) churches in Georgia and Dr. Patricia Ann Morris is celebrating eight years as the Episcopal Supervisor, they have both provided stellar leader-

ship to their church on an international level; and

Whereas, Bishop and Dr. DeVeaux, under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained the African Methodist Episcopal churches in Georgia, as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man and virtuous woman of God give hope to the hopeless, feed the hungry and are a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Bishop and Dr. DeVeaux are spiritual warriors, persons of compassion, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who share not only with their Church, but with our District and the world their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Bishop and Dr. DeVeaux on their excellent leadership in Georgia;

Now therefore, I, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 1, 2012 as Bishop William P. DeVeaux and Dr. Patricia Ann Morris DeVeaux Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 1st day of June, 2012.

### IN TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT JOHN "J.D." DAVID MEADOR II

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 29, 2012*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, Sgt. John "J.D." David Meador II, of Columbia, South Carolina, was killed in action while serving in the South Carolina Army National Guard in Afghanistan. Sergeant Meador began his career in service to our country when he enlisted in the United States Army in 1994. He is a graduate of Lexington High School and a member of the Lexington County Sheriff's Department. As a former high school wrestler, Sergeant Meador enjoyed coaching wrestling at his alma mater, White Knoll High School, and Irmo High School. He also enjoyed hunting, the outdoors and carpentry.

Every member of our Armed Forces sacrifices their lives to keep America and her freedoms safe. Without these sacrifices, America would not remain the most free and prosperous country in the world. Specialist Meador paid the ultimate sacrifice and died honorably protecting these freedoms that we all enjoy.

My thoughts and prayers are with his wife Christy, and their two daughters, Brianna and Elana, as well as his parents, John and Sharon Meador. His service to our nation will never be forgotten and we will always be eternally grateful. As a Guard veteran myself with four sons currently serving in the military, I particularly appreciate your extraordinary military family. Freedom is not free.

### HONORING THE CARROLLTON BLACK CEMETERY

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 29, 2012*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride and pleasure to rise today to recognize and commemorate the heritage of the Carrollton Black Cemetery. Buried beneath its soil are the men and women who forged the pathway for the Carrollton community. Today we recognize those who have gone before us, the sacrifices they have made, and the impact they have had on the lives of today's Carrollton citizens.

In 1850, the first recorded burial in the cemetery was Mary Lamer, an immigrant from Illinois and the original owner of the property. In 1871, the Carrollton Black Cemetery was established on a forty-acre site owned by Mr. Scott Boswell, an early African American Carrollton farmer. By 1915, Mr. C.B. Baxley purchased the land with a deed exclusion to keep the cemetery intact. Up until the Civil War, it was customary to bury slaves on their owner's land. After Emancipation, freed slaves and their families wished to have their own burial locations. Unfortunately, the Carrollton Black Cemetery has undergone flooding from the Trinity River which has caused the loss of many of its gravestones. In 1981, to preserve the cemetery's history, a fence was erected around its perimeter. On Saturday, June 23, the cemetery was identified as a Texas historical site.

The Carrollton Black Cemetery is referred to by many names including the Carrollton Community Cemetery and the Carrollton Memorial Cemetery. The record of the Carrollton Black Cemetery reflects the rich history of the African American community in Carrollton. Many of the people buried in the Carrollton Black Cemetery were trailblazers of growth, development, and continued successes in the Carrollton community.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Carrollton Black Cemetery for the heritage and history it brings to the 24th District of Texas. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring the Carrollton Black Cemetery and in commending the current citizens who care for it.

### TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN D. DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 26, 2012*

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